

Glasgow City Food Plan Development Day
Monday 9th December, Tontine Building
EVENT REPORT



The purpose of The Planning Day was for 6 themed working groups to start identifying the most important issues to include in the City Food Plan.

After an opening address from Cllr Anna Richardson, the audience got a food system overview from Pete Richie, Nourish and an update on relevant Glasgow data from Jill Muirie, Glasgow Centre for Population Health (GCPH). The audience then continued to work in pre-allocated groups; each group consisted of invited members with knowledge in the areas of:

1. FOOD POVERTY & FAIR FOOD FOR ALL, led by Beverly Downie, Financial Inclusion Team, Glasgow City Council
2. COMMUNITY FOOD, led by Abi Mordin, Chair for Glasgow Community Food Network and Glasgow Food Policy Partnership
3. FOOD PROCUREMENT & CATERING, led by Laura Muir, Scotland Excel
4. FOOD ECONOMY, led by Alison McRae, Chamber of Commerce (AM) and Anne Connolly, Glasgow City Council (PM)
5. ENVIRONMENT & FOOD WASTE, led by Jill Muirie, GCPH
6. CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE, led by Patrick Oberg, Young Scot

During the morning sessions, the groups considered baseline and what is currently missing in Glasgow. The groups had a task of identifying what they wanted the plan to achieve including long term outcomes, short term outcomes/priorities and what might be the barriers and the challenges to achieving these outcomes. After a vegetarian lunch the groups began to think of actions required to achieve the identified outcomes. All the groups will meet again during January and February to produce a draft plan for their themed group after which the Glasgow City Food Plan Project Team will combine the plans in one document that will be used for a consultation period in the Spring 2020.

Time Scale for City Food Plan Development

Development of Draft Food Plan and 1-year implementation plan by Themed Development Groups	Dec 2019 - Feb 2020
Consultation and Engagement period (events & online) by Project Team	March - May 2020
Further meetings by Themed Development Groups	May - June 2020
Writing of the FINAL Food Plan by Project Team	June - Aug 2020
Agreement of Food Plan and Action Plan by GFPP and GCC	Aug - Sept 2020

Background Information for the Glasgow City Food Plan Development

Glasgow Food Summit in May 2019 provided basis for the development of the City Food Plan. It explored city-wide, holistic approaches to changing our food system in order to improve health, reduce food insecurity, build community resilience and reduce Glasgow's impact on the environment. GFPP collected feedback from the participants of the summit asking them what they thought should be included in the Glasgow City Food Plan. The feedback can be found on the summit report [here](#).

A Project Team was set up in the Autumn 2019 to lead the development of this city-wide Food Plan. The team consists of colleagues from Glasgow Centre for Population Health, Glasgow Food Policy Partnership, Glasgow City Council, Glasgow Community Food Network and NHSGGC.

The health of both adults and children in Glasgow is affected by inadequate nutrition. Not everyone in Glasgow has equal access to healthy food and many people experience some form of food insecurity. Glasgow City Council's food inequality inquiry held in 2018 demonstrated the importance of addressing food insecurity in the city in a more holistic and connected way.

Glasgow has declared a climate emergency and everyone in the city needs to work together to mitigate the effects of global warming and reduce the environmental impacts of the food system. On 27th September 2019 Glasgow City Council agreed the recommendations of the Climate Emergency Working Group to work with the business community, third sector and Glasgow citizens and communities to achieve a carbon neutral Glasgow by 2030.

Glasgow City Council has also held a consultation on the development of Glasgow Food Growing Strategy and work is now ongoing to prepare a draft strategy for a broader Glasgow-wide consultation. The Glasgow City Food Plan will link to the Glasgow Food Growing Strategy, as well as other relevant strategies that are relevant to this work. More details about the Growing Strategy can be found [here](#).

Glasgow City Food Plan Project Team recognises the need for more people who have the skills to provide more local, sustainable food and that people employed in the food industry receive lower pay than the national average. We hope to work with not just the local authority, but with the food industry, social enterprises and the wider community to address these issues.

The growing recognition nationally and internationally of the important contribution that our food system makes to climate change, population health and to local economies emphasises the importance and urgency of the development of a food plan for Glasgow that enables a healthier, more equitable and sustainable food system.